(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (d) The quantum of acecanut imported during 2001, 2002 and 2003 is 1048.94 MTs 125.07 MTs and 3975.90 MTs respectively. The quantum of arecanut produced in the country during 2000-2001 and 2001-2002, as per the data available with Ministry of Agriculture, is 3,73, 100 MTs and 4,09,400 MTs respectively. Imformation for the year 2002-03 is not yet available. The prices of arecanut have shown a declining trend. No support price for arecanut has been fixed by the Government.

Engineering Exports

1261. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a vast scope to promote engineering exports from the country;

(b) if so, the possibilities explored in this regard during the last three years;

(c) the achievements in this regard; and

(d) the proposals mooted in this regard for the remaining years of the Tenth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) It has been the endeavour of the Government to promote exports including engineering exports. However, export market conditions are dynamic in nature and are influenced by external factors among others.

(b) Towards exploring possibilities of pushing up our exports of various engineering items, the following export promotional activities were undertaken by the Engineering Export Promotion Council (EEPC) a representative body of the trade sponsored by the Government for looking after the interests of the Indian engineering exports:

— Seminar-cum-Buyer-Seller Meets;
— Specialised Trade Fairs;

— Market Surveys;
— India Tech Exhibitions;
— Exchange of trade delegations;
— Image awareness programmes.

(c) The export promotion measures undertaken have helped in stepping up our engineering goods exports to reach the level of US$ 7750.55 Million in the year 2002-03 registering a growth rate of 33.82% over the exports in the year 2001 -02, and 36.62% growth over the exports during the year 2000-01.

(d) In addition to the export promotional measures mentioned in part (c) above, EEPC has identified the following strategy for the remaining years of the Tenth Plan.

— Brand image promotion in selected markets for identified products sectors;

— Emphasis towards promotion of exports from the Joint Ventures already established in India;

— Interaction with the stake holders to create export awareness and involvement of local manufacturers in export ventures.

Anti-Dumping Cases Against China

1262. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have signed a bilateral agreement with China for review of anti-dumping policies on annual basis;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have imposed high number of anti-dumping cases against Chinese products in the past few years; and

(d) if so, to what extent the fresh agreement with China is going to resolve anti-dumping cases between both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However a proposal to set up a discussion mechanism between